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Friendly Reminders

-Two-Step Process: Please be sure to sign-in through HSIN Connect (by clicking the link) <u>AND</u> dial in through your telephone line. The call-in information was sent in the invitation

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We will get started promptly at 1:00pm. Thank you for your participation!

Agenda

- **Overview of Round 3 SICG**
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Round 3 SICG
Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant
Webinar

Round 3 SICG Objectives

- **Improve collaboration** with first responder agencies among all levels of government
- **Expand consortium/regional partnerships** inclusive of multi-jurisdiction, multi-discipline, intergovernmental (State/local/NGO) stakeholders
- **Develop operating procedures** in counties, between counties and agencies
- **Implementation and use of National Interoperability Channels and State, Regional, Tribal and Local Mutual Aid channels**

Program Goals

1. Development and coordination of National **Interoperability Channels**, State, Regional, Tribal and Local mutual aid channels;

2. Development of **interoperable communications infrastructure**;

3. Development of **governance and SOPs**;

4. Development of **statewide communications resources inventory** (including continuous participation in CASM-Communications Assets Survey and Mapping tool) and **Tactical Interoperable Communication Plan (TICP)** development, update and utilization.

Funding and Award Distribution

- Available funding - $75 million
  - Large-scale systems and infrastructure
  - Expansion of consortiums, SOP development
  - Subsequent phases of projects previously supported
- Maximum award is $6 million per application
- Only one application per county

Eligibility

- Be a county government
- Be an active member of, or demonstrated a commitment to, a regional consortium
- Accessibility for other jurisdictions and levels of government
- Counties who have not achieved success with prior grant applications for Round 1 and Round 2 SICG
- NIMS compliant
- Only permissible costs in the application
- Timely submittal
- M/WBE and EEO Documentation
- Letter of Agreement for frequency utilization
- Establishment of single point of contact, i.e. Interoperability Coordinator on a County level

Grant Components

- **<u>Component (a)</u>** – Improve interoperable communications through developing, expanding or consolidating large-scale, regionally-focused LMR systems for public safety use among two or more counties supporting multi-jurisdictional and multi-discipline, including State agencies. *(80-97%)*

- **<u>Component (b)</u>** – Improve governance structure, develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), strengthen training and exercise programs to promote efficient interregional communications, interoperability, cooperation and overall first responder readiness. *(3-20%)*

   Application must contain both components.

Grant Funding Distribution per Application
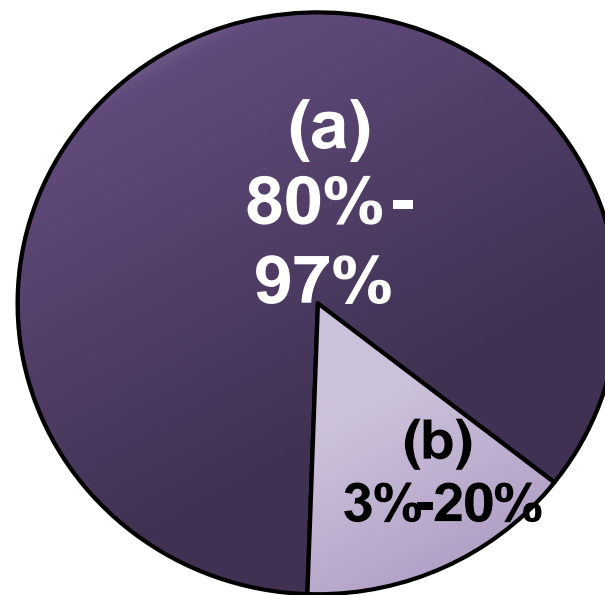
Permissible / Non-Permissible Costs

- **Permissible**
  - Equipment, infrastructure, technology
    - Subscriber equipment, <u>only</u> when such equipment is a part of the larger project
  - Planning, Administration, and Deployment

- **Non-Permissible Costs**
  - Proprietary technologies
  - Salaries
  - Projects benefiting only single organization or jurisdiction
  - Subscriber equipment, when such equipment is <u>not</u> a part of the larger project
  - Broadband
  - Debt service or local municipal bond funding
  - Unrelated to LMR expenses

Differences between Round 2 and Round 3

- 23 Counties are eligible to apply
- Eligibility Criteria includes additional requirements
  - Single point of contact, i.e. County Interoperability Coordinator
  - M/WBE and EEO Documentation
  - Letter of Agreement
- Permissible Costs are expanded to include PSAP call taking, processing, recording equipment and PSAP radio console equipment

M/WBE and EEO Documentation

The following M/WBE forms (Attachment 5 of the RFA) must be completed and submitted with all Round 3 SICG applications:

- The Local Assistance M/WBE Equal Employment Opportunity Staffing Plan

- The Local Assistance M/WBE Subcontractor/Supplier Utilization Proposal Form. The information provided in this form is based on the potential M/WBE subcontractor/ suppliers available. You can search the M/WBE directory at https://ny.newnycontracts.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchPublic.asp?TN=ny&XID=4687 for certified M/WBE providers.

Please note: while these forms are not part of the scoring criteria, they are part of the eligibility criteria. Failure to include Attachment 5 forms with your application will result in disqualification of your application.

Application Content

- Tier I – General Eligibility Criteria ("yes" or "no")
- Tier II – Global Project Criteria

Section #	Tier II Evaluation Criteria	Section Weight (100%)
1	Project Narrative	4
2	Budget Information / Funding	20
3	Consortium or Regional Partnership Identification	15
4	Alignment To Grant Goals	5
5	Identification Of Level Of Involvement And Coordination With Other Jurisdictions and State Agencies	8
6	Project Outline, Implementation, And Consistency With Technology Concepts And Mandated Standards	5
7	Level Of Improvements In Interoperable Communications	20
8	Radio Spectrum, Frequencies And Licensing	8
9	Training And Exercises	5
10	Project Management	10

How to Complete an Application

- General format of the application (Word-restricted for editing with form-filling allowed)
- Follow instructions, answer all applicable questions
- Application cover page by mail! (2 originals, signed)
- M/WBE, EEO and LOA by mail!
- Follow instructions to submit application and any attachments
- Recommendation: after e-mailing your application, send a <u>follow-up e-mail without any attachments</u> requesting an acknowledgment.
- **Submit your application before deadline, September 30th !**

References

- FAQs (http://www.dhses.ny.gov/oiec/grants/)
- Technical Resources document provide most common acceptable standards

Process for Questions Related to Grant

- Questions received during comment period have been posted on the website.

Important Dates to Remember

- **Submission of Written Questions – August 12, 2013**

- **Request for Applications Updates – August 14, 2013**

- **Applications Due – September 30, 2013 by 5:00 P.M.**

- **Notice of Award – anticipated before the end of 2013 calendar year**

Reminders

- Answer all questions and fill-out all sections
- Mail paperwork containing <u>original signatures</u>
- E-mail your application and all applicable attachments, which marked as "Required"
- Send a separate e-mail requesting an acknowledgement after you e-mail an application and attachments
- **Submit your application before deadline, September 30th!**

Questions?